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Dear colleague,

As the leading patient charity for people living with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), we need your help.

We now know that IBD affects over 500,000 people across the UK - that's 1 in 123 people. As you know, these debilitating, incurable diseases of the gut impact on every aspect of a person's life.

A key challenge in the current climate is access to early diagnosis. Even before the pandemic, 1 in 4 people said they waited more than a year and visited A&E at least once before getting diagnosed.

In November this year we will be launching a public campaign to raise awareness of Crohn's and Colitis symptoms among the public. This will include an online symptom checker that will encourage people to speak to you about their symptoms.

We know how busy you are and want to ensure we support you to spot the signs of Crohn's and Colitis. Visit our website www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk for a range of resources, including toolkits, podcasts and CPD modules from a range of partners, including RCGP. Please consider signing up for a free webinar on 11<sup>th</sup> October provided by NB Medical - visit www.nbmedical.com/clinics or scan the QR code below.

In order for us to tailor our support to you, we'd appreciate you filling in a short survey. Please scan the QR code below or visit https://ncv.microsoft.com/hzwZ38CHXR and ask your colleagues to do the same.

Yours sincerely,

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QR code for survey



OR code for NB Medical webinar

